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Further, a function for making the use identifier for identifying an individual service unit a key and sending the program identifier and the information of the user to the head end, not for only sending the identifier of the program as information of the program selected in the information guide device to the head end is provided. The head end makes the use identifier a key and transmits use results and charges for the use of the programs and purchases of services and commodities while using the programs to the information guide device. The information guide device has a function for receiving the use results and calculates charge information using the price list and the charging method which have been registered in the head end.